(c) to (e) Do not asrise.

CAG report on implementation of N REG scheme

177. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the CAG audit reports of 68 districts in 26 States, pointing out sweeping irregularities, including diversion of funds, work that doesn't exist, etc. relating to implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been adopted to book guilty officials and avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Ministry of Rural Development had requested CAG to undertake performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in phase I districts. Accordingly, CAG conducted audit in 68 districts of 26 States. CAG submitted its draft report on 17.12.2007 to the Ministry. The draft report has been shared by the Ministry with all the States. The States have given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. The State's responses are being examined in the Ministry. These would be sent to CAG for their consideration. CAG report on the performance audit of NREGA would be finalised after taking into consideration the responses of the States to the observations made by CAG. Since the report submitted by CAG on audit of NREGA is only a draft report, it is not possible for the Ministry to give any comments at this stage.

Road construction under PMGSY in Jharkhand

178. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when will the PMGSY roads be constructed as per the national norms/quality in Jharkhand; and

(b) whether Government is aware that these roads in Jharkhand are sub-contracted over and over again and hence built by petty local inexperienced contractors, thus following no norms of quality and leading to substandard quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) roads are constructed as per the specifications and provisions in Rural Roads Manual IRC SP: 20 prepared by Indian Roads Congress (IRC).

(b) "Rural Roads" being a State subject, projects under PMGSY are executed by the State Government through its agencies. State Executing Agency awards the works as per Standard